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1. The bridge is intended to facilitate railroad operations between Belgrade and Sotin by easing the traffic strain on the old railroad bridge connecting the two cities.

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 two more bridges are to be built about 7 km downstream from Ostruznica. The latter two bridges are to lead across an island in the Sava River near Cukarica; work on the latter two bridges had not yet started.

2. The railroad bridge planned is to have two tracks and will rest on nine concrete piers. Two of these piers are on the left bank of the river, four are river piers and three are on the right bank. During the period of observation work was being done only on the river piers.

3. The construction of the bridge was supervised by five German engineers, chief engineer being Dr. Eng. Tonner, (fnu), from the western sector of Berlin.

4. River data near Ostruznica: The Sava River is 500 meters wide and has flat banks partly overgrown and partly of gravel. From the position of the nine piers it seems that the bridge will have a span of about 900 meters.

5. The target data for the completion of the bridge was not known. If work on the construction of the bridge continues at the same rate as during the period of observation it seems improbable that the bridge will be completed before 1951. Work on the bridge was started in 1948. By 20 August 1949 only one pier had been raised up to stream level. *

* Comment. The bridge mentioned is on the double-track southern railroad bypass near Belgrade, which has been under construction since the summer of 1948. The project is connected with the reorganization of the Belgrade railroad junction envisaged within the framework of the Five-Year-Plan.

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 According to another report, the bridge is going to be 672 meters long. The other two bridges across the Sava River, near Cukarica, are also part of the overall project.

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